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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1615

SIEBOLD ET AL.

Examiner: Ghali, Isis A.D.

APPLICATION NO: 10/031,100

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FILED: APRIL 17, 2002

FOR: GROWTH HORMONE FORMULATIONS

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Notice of Appeal was filed on July 1, 2005 in the above-identified application has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 1, 2005. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The response to said Notice of Appeal is the filing of a continuation application of the above-identified application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$120 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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